

WILL NOT YIELD

Boers are Determined on Armed Resistance.

THE SITUATION IS MOST GRAVE

Plan to Seize Strategic Points—Await Hints to Begin Hostilities—Elaborate Preparations for War.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Great Britain's relations with the Transvaal remain unchanged, and so far as the former is concerned, the situation is not likely to take on a new phase until after Friday's Cabinet Council. Whether or not the Boers will be content to wait that long without ending the suspense with hostilities depends on circumstances.

The Morning Post contains a dispatch from Pretoria, dated September 19, saying: "I have never known the situation to be graver. The Boers only await two days' rain on the veldt before beginning hostilities. They are determined on war, consider that they can expect nothing else after the last dispatch and are prepared to face the consequences."

The correspondent then describes in detail the Boers' elaborate border preparations, which appear more thorough and formidable than heretofore believed. He says the Orange Free State officers at Pretoria have devised a combined plan of action, which, he adds, includes the seizing of Majuba, Laings Neck and Newcastle, Natal, the moment the ultimatum arrives.

Continuing, the correspondent asserts that the Portuguese officials at Rissano-Garcia have arrested some Boer officials on the charge of constructing a larger in Portuguese territory.

The Ultimatum Council, as the result of meetings held at Pietermaritzburg and Johannesburg, has decided to address a communication to the British High Commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, urging the Imperial Government to break off negotiations with the Transvaal.

The reasons for this action are that "the severe distress prevailing may compel the remaining Uitlanders to accept any compromise offered; that loyal British subjects are becoming discontented, and that great unrest exists among the natives."

PRETORIA, Sept. 17.—The reply of the Government of the South African Republic to the latest dispatch, dated September 12, of the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, after acknowledging the receipt of the British note, proceeds in part as follows:

"The Government deeply regrets the withdrawal, as the Government understands it, of the invitation contained in the British dispatch of August 23, and the substitution in place thereof of an entirely new proposal.

"The proposals, now fallen through, contained in the Transvaal dispatch of August 19 and August 21, were elicited from this Government by suggestions made by the British diplomatic agent in Pretoria, Conyngham Greene, to the Transvaal State Secretary, F. W. Reitz.

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"For this we certainly are not yet prepared. It is doubtful if the few troops and volunteers now in Natal could even maintain the defensive. The Cape frontier from Mafeking to Kimberly, including the diamond fields, is practically defenseless, and a combined attack by the Orange Free State and the Transvaal might result in disaster and the retreat of our forces toward Durban, leaving the border towns in the hands of the enemy.

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sidering, as it did, such a measure both unnecessary and undesirable.

"The proposed conference, as opposed to the joint commission of inquiry, the Government is likewise not unwilling to enter upon, but the difficulty is that an acceptance thereof is made dependent upon the acceptance, on the side of the Transvaal, of precedent conditions which this Government does not feel at liberty to submit to the Volksraad, and, moreover, the subjects to be discussed at the conference remain undefined.

"This Government ardently desires and gladly accepts arbitration, as its firm intention is to adhere to the terms of the London convention of 1884. The dispatch concludes by trusting that the British Government, on reconsideration, may not deem it fit to make more onerous or new proposals, but will 'adhere to Great Britain's proposals for a joint commission of inquiry, as previously explained by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Imperial Parliament."

PRETORIA, Sept. 18.—The Volksraad today re-adopted the mining article on the gold law eliminated last year, empowering the Government to confiscate the claims and mines belonging to people convicted of treason or conspiracy against the State, and empowering the Government to order that the mines be worked and if their instruction is disregarded to work them through their own agents. The re-adopted article comes into force immediately.

The Transvaal State Secretary, F. W. Reitz, in the course of an interview today declared that the Government, the Volksraad and the people were unanimous regarding the attitude which the Transvaal has assumed and that there was no foundation whatever for the reports of differences. Mr. Reitz asserted that the Transvaal's decision was arrived at in conjunction with the Orange Free State.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The special dispatches from South Africa confirm the report telegraphed yesterday that the Boers are massing artillery in positions commanding Laings Neck. Small Boer detachments occupy positions above Buffalo river.

The members of the Afrikaner Bond in Cape Town intend to convene the Bund in congress to consider the situation.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Mr. Chamberlain came to London from Birmingham yesterday afternoon and spent the evening at the Colonial Office. While there he received a dispatch from Lord Salisbury, who is at Hatfield House, and sent a special messenger. There has been a lively interchange of dispatches between the Foreign, War and Colonial offices, but no summons has yet been issued for a Cabinet Council.

Long dispatches were sent last evening to the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, and the British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner. General Sir Garnet Wolseley, marshal and commander in chief, returned to London yesterday and immediately repaired to the War Office, where he remained busily employed the greater part of the day.

War risks on consignments to the Transvaal were quoted at a premium of 50 per cent yesterday, and all the markets were very sensitive and excited.

The Daily Chronicle points out this morning that the Orange Free State would probably better serve the Transvaal by remaining neutral than by active assistance, because the easiest route for marching troops to Johannesburg and Pretoria lies between the Orange river and the Vaal.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "It is reported here that Conyngham Greene, the British diplomatic agent at Pretoria, fears that an attempt will be made to dynamite the British agency."

The Daily Telegraph publishes a communication from a military correspondent, who, in discussing the effect of the Free State throwing its lot with the Transvaal, says: "In the event of war this will greatly increase our difficulties and will lengthen the duration of the campaign, but the work will be accomplished, and the Union Jack will float over consolidated South Africa between Zambesi and the Cape."

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Sailing Vessels Will Continue to be Examined for Smallpox.

TRUSTEES FOR HILO HOSPITAL

Petition from Chinese Owners of Pigeons—Various Changes in Government Physicians.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday there were present President H. E. Cooper and members, E. C. Winston, Dr. Kellipio, Dr. Wood, Emerson, Day and Agent Reynolds.

Dr. Wood called attention to a Consular note on the Australia's bill of health which reported a case of smallpox having broken out at the Presidio among the men of the Thirty-first Regiment and that the entire regiment had been removed to Angel Island and put into quarantine. He had carefully examined all the steerage people on the Australia, but as the bill of health showed there was no smallpox in the city of San Francisco he had not thought it necessary to order them to report for further examination. It would be necessary, however, to watch vessels from the Coast very carefully. The Doctor also called attention to the fact that steamers from Australian ports brought no bills of health from the Hawaiian Consuls at the different ports. A motion that such be required hereafter was passed.

Dr. Emerson reported that he had boarded the bark McNear from Laysan Island on Tuesday and examined the thirty people on board.

President Cooper read a communication from Consul General Haywood addressed to Minister Mott-Smith inquiring by what right or authority a charge of \$20 each for boarding eight sailing vessels by the port physician was made.

It was the opinion of the Board that present conditions in this relation should not be disturbed, owing to the danger of the introduction of smallpox by sailing vessels, many of which were liable to come down in less than fourteen days, the period of incubation.

President Cooper said the matter of appointing trustees for the Hilo hospital was important, as more bills were coming in than there was money to pay. Sheriff Andrews, J. T. Moir and Rev. J. A. Cruzan were appointed on motion carried unanimously.

With regard to the Maluan hospital Mr. Cooper said it had become practically a plantation hospital. He was in communication with Mr. Lowrie and Mr. Wells in regard to the plantations taking the entire management of the hospital and hoped to be able to report at the next meeting some definite arrangement.

Reports from the slaughter houses and from examinations of cattle made for tuberculosis were received and filed.

A report was read from the Food Commissioner in relation to his examination of a can of soup which contained lead in appreciable quantities, due to being soldered on the inside, the solder used containing 91 per cent of lead. On motion Mr. Shorey was authorized to purchase a quantity of canned soups in the open market and carry on further investigations in this line.

The regular report of the treasurer of the Kapiolani Maternity Home was received and filed.

The application of Dr. R. H. Dinneen for a license to practice medicine was approved and the usual recommendation made to the Minister of the Interior.

A petition from a number of Chinese owners of pig-pens in Waikiki through Lawyers Cathcart, Parke and Davidson, was read, and on motion it was resolved that the attorneys be given a hearing on next Wednesday.

The Chinese offer to obey any regulations of the Board and do anything required if they are only allowed to keep on raising pigs.

Dr. McMillan's resignation as Government physician of Kauai was accepted and Dr. Thompson appointed in his place.

Dr. Allen was made permanent physician at Napoohou, in place of Dr. Lindsay, who has overstayed his leave of absence more than a year.

Deputy Sheriff C. A. Lindsay was made an agent of the Board of Health.

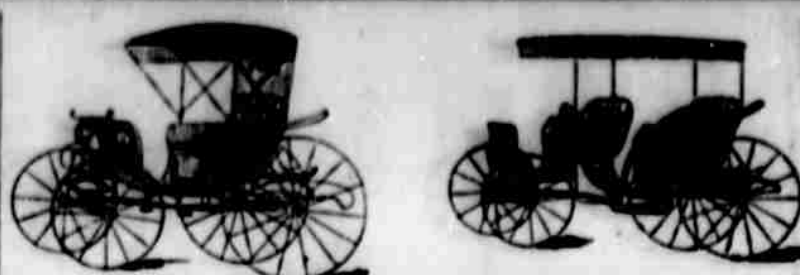
A letter from Sheriff Andrews in relation to the Hilo abattoir was read, but no action was taken, pending further investigations.

Robert McBryde was appointed an agent of the Board of Health for Olua and Keahou and the resignation of H. R. Hitchcock as an agent was accepted.

SECRET DOCUMENTS STOLEN.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The strong box of the Second Artillery Brigade at Wurtzburg was forced in the absence of the regimental staff at the maneuvers, and the secret mobilization documents were stolen. A deserter named Schloesser is suspected. He is believed to have escaped to France."

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